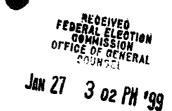


Republican National Committee

Thomas J. Josefiak Counsel



January 20, 1999

VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mr. Lawrence M. Noble General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4250: Second request for extension of time to respond; request for

underlying factual information

Dear Mr. Noble:

By this letter, the Republican National Committee ("RNC") respectfully requests an additional 20-day extension of time, or until February 23, 1999, to respond to the Office of the General Counsel's ("OGC") probable cause recommendation and brief.

The RNC respectfully makes this request for several reasons. First, as you know, although your letter accompanying the OGC brief was dated December 23, 1998, I did not receive it until January 4, 1999 because the RNC was closed for the holidays. Second, as you may know, the RNC's 1999 Winter meeting is being held this week. This event has consumed the resources of the RNC and, consequently, our office has not had the opportunity to adequately analyze the extensive factual and legal arguments made in the OGC brief. Finally, the OGC brief relies upon factual information that is not in the RNC's possession. If your office could forward copies of the factual material relied upon and cited in the OGC brief, it would allow the RNC to file a thorough response brief that addresses the factual and legal issues raised in the OGC brief.

Accordingly, for the reasons discussed above, the RNC respectfully requests an extension of time to enable it to submit a comprehensive response brief to assist the Commission in expeditiously resolving this matter. The RNC also respectfully requests a copy of the factual materials referenced in the OGC brief in the same spirit. If you have any questions regarding these requests, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 863-8638.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Josefiak